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**Ed Humpherson, Director General for Office for Statistics Regulation**

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(by email)

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Dear Ian

**Alternative Release Time for the UK Food Security Report**

Thank you for contacting me to request an alternative release time for UK Food Security Report. Under legislation the report must be laid before Parliament before it is made available in the public domain.

Having considered these circumstances, I agree that an exemption to the release time from 9:30am, to allow you the necessary time to lay the report in the UK Parliament, is required. I therefore approve your request to release these statistics at 10.30am. Your proposed approach will ensure orderly release and equal access to information while meeting your obligations to Parliament. We consider this decision to be in the public and wider user interest.

Please ensure that the time of the report is made public and that the reasons for the alternative release time are clearly outlined.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson  
Director General for OSR